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## **Colombia Restarts Controversial Glyphosate Fumigation of Coca**

Colombia started fumigating crops with glyphosate again after the technique was suspended in 2015 over health and environmental concerns. The fumigations began on Jan. 2, with the fumigation of the controversial Monsanto-produced herbicide focused in the northern province of Catatumbo and the southeastern provinces of Nariño and Putumayo. Unlike previous fumigation, which was aerial, the new coca eradication plan consists of manual, land-based spraying. The suspension of aerial fumigation was a central point of the peace negotiations between the FARC and the government, which also outlines crop substitution programs to help farmers move away from illicit crops to legal production.

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